(b) and (c) Afforestation of quick growing species is being taken up to meet the increased demand on forest resources, including the raw material requirement for the paper industry, and about 1.76 million hectares have been planted during 1986-87. Further in order to reduce the pressure on indigenous forest resources and to enable the paper industry to meet its requirement of raw materials, the following reliefs and concessions have been extended to the industry:—

(i) Paper containing not less than 75 per cent by weight of bagasse is exempted from the whole of excise duty.

(ii) Paper mills utilising other non-conventional raw materials, such as wheat/rice straw, waste paper, etc. are charged excise duty at concessional rates.

(iii) Import of wood pulp, chips and logs and waste paper is permitted under OGL.

(iv) Import of wood pulp and chips is free of customs duty, while import of waste paper and wood logs attracts nominal customs duty.

(v) The requirement of industrial licence has been dispensed with in the case of manufacture of writing, printing and wrapping paper from agricultural residue, waste and bagasse.

Market share for determining dominance

3332. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recommended that the market share for determining dominance should be increased from 1/3rd to 50 per cent;

(b) what is the rationale behind such a decision to dilute the concept of dominance and how will it help the industry; and

(c) whether the rate of sickness in the small industry is alarming and if so, the steps taken by Government to arrest this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per information compiled by RBI, out of 18,12,580 borrowing units in SSI sector enjoying total bank credit amounting of Rs. 8,321.04 crores as at the end of June, 1986, 1,28,687 units with outstanding bank credit of Rs. 1184.22 crores have been identified by banks as sick which constitute about 7.1 per cent. A number of measures have been taken towards rehabilitation of sick units in the small scale sector including, *inter-alia*, issue of guidelines by RBI in February, 1987 for identification of sick units; setting up of special cells by RBI/IDBI/Scheduled Commercial Banks to tackle the problems of sickness; liberalisation of margin money for rehabiitation, etc.

Comments of C.F.T.R.I. to the Punjab agro-Pepsi Cola proposal

3333. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the comments of C.F.T.R.I. Mysore to the Punjab Agro-Pepsi Cola proposal; and

(b) whether C.F.T.R.I. has approved the proposal and if so, on what basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) It is not the policy of the Government to disclose the comments of individual departments/ministries/agencies one proposals received for industrial approvals.

Cycle Corporation of India

3334. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned

'Can Cycle Corporation pedal up again' which appeared in the Statesman, Calcutta edition, on the 2nd August, 1987; and

(b) what are the problems being faced by the CCIL and what is Government's reaction thereto in order to help it resolve the problems?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are various problems faced by CCIL such as high cost, low productivity, old and dilapidated plant and machinery, difficult liquidity position, etc. Measures to tackle these have been taken to improve the performance of the company.

Andhra Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation

3335. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh State Industrial Development Corporation is not following rules and regulations in the allotment of letters of intent to entrepreneurs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that on account of this fact a large number of allegations of irregularities have been received by the Central Government;

(c) whether as a result of this policy the deserving entrepreneurs like unemployed engineering graduates and others were suffering; and

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of Industries in Chandrapur

3336. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what were the concessions given by Central Government for setting up industries in the district of Chandrapur, a backward area of Maharashtra;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Century Spinning and Manufacturing Company which has installed the Manikgarh Cement Plan of 110 sr. in Chandrapur claimed for depreciation and investment allowance without going for any trial production in the years 1985 and 1986; and

(c) what was the amount claimed and actually paid in each year and the action taken if any, by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Chandrapur has been identified as Category 'B' backward district and entrepreneurs setting up industrial units in this district are eligible for 15 per cent Central Subsidy, subject to a maximum of Rs. 15 lakhs on fixed capital investment.

(b) and (c) The company has furnished the following information:—

"(i) Tribal run upto clinker stage commenced in December 1985 by procuring limestone from outside agencies as the Govt. of India's permission for drawing limestone from captive mines in reserved forest area was not granted till then. Trial run of cement com-